

## AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cover for an electronic device having a housing, comprising:  
a flexible and integrally formed holding-sheath member having a sleeve portion that extends around a periphery of the electronic device housing such that an upper portion and a lower portion of the housing of the electronic device is exposed, and a holding portion that may be gripped by a user of the electronic device to facilitate operation of the device by the user,  
wherein the holding-sheath member has a free-opening protection portion extending therefrom and arranged to protect at least one of a button, a switch or a connecting port.
2. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sleeve is generally circular and is arranged to fit around the periphery of a computer mouse.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a computer mouse, track ball, keyboard, game controller, joystick, card reader, camera, and barcode reader.
5. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inner face of the holding-sheath member includes a protrusion for engaging a corresponding opening in the electronic device to secure the cover to the electronic device.

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6. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inner face of the holding-sheath member has at least one rib for engaging a corresponding groove in the electronic device to secure the cover to the electronic device.

7. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outside of the holding-sheath member has an extension to facilitate gripping of the electronic device or vary an appearance of the electronic device.

8. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding-sheath member is made of rubber.

9. (Original) The cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding portion further has an auxiliary holding portion to further facilitate operation of the electronic device.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic device, comprising:

a housing containing electronic components; and a flexible and integrally formed holding-sheath member having a sleeve portion that extends around a periphery of the housing such that an upper portion and a lower portion of the housing of the electronic device is exposed, and a holding portion that may be gripped by a user of the electronic device to facilitate operation of the device by the user,

wherein the holding-sheath member has a free-opening protection portion extending therefrom and arranged to protect at least one of a button, a switch or a connecting port.

11. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the electronic device is a computer mouse and the sleeve is generally circular and arranged to fit around the periphery of the computer mouse.

12. (Canceled)

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13. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a computer mouse, track ball, keyboard, game controller, joystick, card reader, camera, and barcode reader.

14. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein an inner face of the holding-sheath member includes a protrusion for engaging a corresponding opening in the electronic device to secure the electronic device to the electronic device.

15. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein an inner face of the holding-sheath member has at least one rib for engaging a corresponding groove in the electronic device to secure the electronic device to the electronic device.

16. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the outside of the holding-sheath member has an extension to facilitate gripping of the electronic device or vary an appearance of the electronic device.

17. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the holding-sheath member is made of rubber.

18. (Original) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the holding portion further has an auxiliary holding portion to further facilitate operation of the electronic device.